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Special Economic Zones
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) notified/ approved/ established in the country including those which are functional, State/ UT-wise and location-wise along with the Scheme formulated by the Government to establish new SEZs in the country;
(b) whether a large number of SEZs are not functioning or lying closed in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise and location-wise along with the reasons therefor;
(c) the details of the provisions made with regard to non-functional SEZs along with the steps taken by the Government for making all the approved SEZs functional;
(d) whether SEZs have contributed towards infrastructure and economic development of their respective regions in the past two years and if so, the details thereof along with the measures undertaken by the Government for development of SEZs and enhance investment therein;
(e) whether the Government has any plan to launch an online platform for SEZs to facilitate ease of doing business for the SEZ developers and units and if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the details of recently launched mobile app named "SEZ India" by the Government along with its salient features?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): In addition to Seven Central Government Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and 11 State/Private Sector SEZs set-up prior to the enactment of the SEZs Act, 2005, approvals have been accorded to 416 proposals for setting up of SEZs in the country. Presently, out of 331 notified SEZs a total of 210 SEZs are operational. States/UTs-wise details of SEZs is at Annexure-I. The name of SEZ developers along with details of locations of these SEZs are available at www.sezindia.nic.in.
(b) and (c): Setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is a long term process and delay in commencement of commercial operations of the SEZs is due to various reasons which include time taken in getting approvals from statutory/State Government bodies, adverse business climate due to global recession, changes in fiscal incentives, etc. The State-wise details of SEZs, which are not operational are at Annexure-II. The names of SEZ developers along with details of locations of these SEZs are available at www.sezindia.nic.in. When the Board of Approvals notices no progress in implementation of a project by a developer it cancels the Letter of Approval. The details of SEZs whose Letter of Approval have been cancelled during last three years and current year are at Annexure-III.

(d): Investment made, employment generated and exports from SEZs are the quantifiable criteria for assessing development of infrastructure and economic development. Details of investment, employment generated and exports from SEZs during the past two years and current financial year are shown below:

Financial Year(s)	Investment* (Rs. in crore)	Employment* (Persons)	Exports (Rs. in crore)
2014-15	3,38,794	14,42,316	4,63,770
2015-16	3,76,494	15,91,381	4,67,337
2016-2017 (April to December, 2016)	4,08,939	17,11,657	3,58,203

* calculated on cumulative basis.

(e): In order to facilitate paperless transaction for movement of goods for imports and exports from SEZs, a web-based platform - SEZ Online System for Developers and Units has already been implemented and functioning since February, 2015.

(f): A Mobile app named "SEZ India" has been launched by the Department of Commerce on 06.1.2017. The app is available on Android Platform for use by SEZ Developers, Units, officials and others. The app has four sections i.e. SEZ Information, SEZ Online Transaction, Trade Information, and Contact details. Salient Features of the four sections are as under:-

(i) SEZ Information: This is a compendium of the SEZ Act, 2005, SEZ Rules, 2006, MOCI Circulars, details of SEZs and Units etc. It gives up to date comprehensive details on all the above aspects.
(ii) Trade Information: This provision gives access to important information / tools such as Foreign Trade Policy, Hand Book of

procedure, Duty Calculator, Customs & Excise Notification and MEIS Rates.
(iii) Contact details: We see that the contact details of all Development Commissioners Office, DGFT, DG System, DGCI & S and SEZ online.
(iv) SEZ Online Transaction: This is a dynamic submenu that tracks the Bill of Entry / Shipping Bill processing status and also does verification. The app also helps the Importers / Exporters to track the status of "Bill of Entry / Shipping Bill" integration and processing in the EDI system of the ICEGATE.

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Annexure-I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2899 for 20th March, 2017
State/UT-wise distribution of approved SEZs

State/UT Formal Approvals Notified SEZs Exporting SEZs (Central Govt. + State Govt./Pvt. SEZs + notified SEZs under the SEZ Act, 2005)
Andhra Pradesh 30 24 19
Chandigarh 2 2 2
Chhattisgarh 2 1 1
Delhi 2 0 0
Goa 7 3 0
Gujarat 28 24 19
Haryana 23 20 7
Jharkhand 1 1 0
Karnataka 65 42 25
Kerala 29 25 18
Madhya Pradesh 10 5 2
Maharashtra 54 48 26
Manipur 1 1 0
Nagaland 2 2 0
Odisha 7 5 3
Puducherry 1 0 0
Punjab 5 3 2
Rajasthan 9 8 4
Tamil Nadu 48 46 36
Telangana 59 47 28
Uttar Pradesh 24 19 11
West Bengal 7 5 7
GRAND TOTAL 416 331 210
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Annexure-II to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2899 for 20th March, 2017

The details of SEZs State-wise which have not operations
State/UT Approved SEZs
Andhra Pradesh 12
Chhattisgarh 1
Delhi 2
Goa 7
Gujarat 12
Haryana 16
Jharkhand 1
Karnataka 40
Kerala 12
Madhya Pradesh 9
Maharashtra 29
Manipur 1
Nagaland 2
Odisha 4
Puducherry 1
Punjab 3
Rajasthan 6
Tamil Nadu 17
Telangana 31
Uttar Pradesh 15
West Bengal 3
GRAND TOTAL 224
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Annexure-III to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2899 for 20th March, 2017

The details of Letter of Approval cancelled during last three years and current year
State/UT Approved SEZs

Andhra Pradesh 11
Delhi 1
Dadra and Nagar Haveli 1
Gujarat 11
Haryana 12
Karnataka 2
Kerala 3
Madhya Pradesh 10
Maharashtra 34
Odisha 2
Punjab 4
Rajasthan 1
Tamil Nadu 17
Telangana 15
Uttarakhand 2
Uttar Pradesh 11
West Bengal 9
GRAND TOTAL 146
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